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Country of Origin Labeling
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
William T. Session, Associate Deputy of Admin.
Stop 0249 Room 2092-S
1400 Independence Ave.SW
Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I am a pecan grower of 135 acres in Brooks County, Georgia. I also am a Director of the Georgia Pecan Growers Association. I have been in the pecan business since 1985 and have seen many fluctuations in the market price from year to year and I believe many times this is due to imported pecans. Therefore I believe that it would be in the best interest of the U. S. pecan producers if there was a Country of Origin Labeling on pecans sold in the United States.

Thank you for your time and effort in considering this request.

Sincerely,



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